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MILITARY AND ECONOMIC INDICATIONS OF A SATELLITE ATTACK  
ON YUGOSLAVIA DURING 1951 (N/E-29)

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The main indications, some of dubious reliability, of a recent rapid increase in the Satellite's military capabilities are: increased numbers of men under arms; a concentration of Satellite troops along the Yugoslav border; unit training and field exercises this winter; unusually large increases in military budgets; extraordinary security measures; increased shipments of Soviet material into the Balkan Satellites; additions to the list of rationed commodities; and, increased stockpiling. These indications are insufficient to warrant the conclusion that the Satellite states intend to attack Yugoslavia in 1951. They are sufficient only to determine that the Satellites have increased their military power and military activity at an unusual rate in the past six months, particularly in the areas adjacent to Yugoslavia. A judgment as to whether or not an attack upon Yugoslavia is to be expected in 1951, cannot be formed from these indications.

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BULGARIA

- 25X1C (a) [REDACTED] some Bulgarian units have moved closer to the Turkish border.
- (b) Fairly substantial Soviet gasoline shipments to Bulgaria and more strict gasoline rationing in Bulgaria lead to a strong presumption of stockpiling.
- (c) Since July, Bulgarian armed forces (including security troops) have been increased from 137,500 to 188,500.
- (d) 750 Soviet heavy-duty military-type trucks have arrived in Bulgaria from the USSR.
- (e) On 6 December 1950, the rationing of electric power was ordered.
- (f) Bulgaria's 1951 budget reveals a 25% increase in military expenditures over that of 1950.
- (g) Extensive civil defense measures and the dispersal of certain government offices [REDACTED] 25X1C
- (h) In areas adjacent to the Yugoslav border extraordinary security measures have been imposed, and there is evidence of large-scale evacuation of the civilian population.
- 25X1C (i) [REDACTED] claims that military contingents are being concentrated along the Macedonian

frontier. [REDACTED] the 25X1C  
Yugoslav army and intelligence organization expect "a move within a few months" from Bulgaria, since an estimated force of "200,000 Russian experts" is being integrated into the Bulgarian military organization.

- (j) This winter, the Bulgarian army has conducted unit training and field exercises.
- (k) A reorganization, apparently along the lines of Soviet tank divisions, and possibly expansion of the armored force is under way.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

- (a) Security measures have been tightened and the activity of Western diplomats curtailed.
- (b) Czech forces along the country's western borders have been increased, [REDACTED] the 25X1C call-up of some reserves.
- (c) The rationing of bread, gasoline, and oil has been ordered.
- (d) Since July the strength of the Czech armed forces (including security troops) has increased from 132,000 to 147,000.
- (e) Communist Party control within the Czech Army has been increased.

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(f) The Czech medical profession has been placed under state control.

25X1C (g) [REDACTED] have indicated the presence in Czechoslovakia of Soviet Marshal Konev.

25X1C (h) [REDACTED] in-  
dicates Soviet troops may have moved into Slovakia. Moreover, US Army attache was again refused permission to make a trip into this area on 5 February.

HUNGARY

- (a) Forty-two "JS" heavy tanks and 14 "JSU" self-propelled artillery pieces [REDACTED] in the 25X1C possession of Hungarian troops, and MA Budapest now believes the Hungarians have at least 100 such weapons. (Previously Poland was the only Satellite believed to possess this type of heavy Soviet-made equipment.)
- (b) Rationing of petroleum products, sugar, and flour has been decreed. In late January fat and soap were added to ration lists.
- (c) The training of Hungarian Air Force personnel is being expanded.
- (d) Civilian medical personnel are receiving training in military medicine.

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- (e) A new decree orders the registration of all citizens, male and female, over 18.
- (f) After 1 February all university students will receive military training.
- (g) The movement of foreign diplomatic personnel has been drastically restricted.
- (h) Hungary has formally protested to Yugoslavia that violations of the Hungarian border have continued, despite repeated warnings.
- (i) Various ministries have been ordered to prepare emergency programs to speed up industrial production, to develop substitutes for critical materials, and to insure the strictest economy in operations.

25X1C (j) [REDACTED] Hungarian heavy industry has been ordered to mobilize for war production.

- (k) The 1951 military budget is double the previous one.
- (l) Hungarian para-military forces are being enlarged and are to be considered a voluntary reserve for the armed forces.

- (m) Since 1 January the movement of private automobiles and trucks has been restricted to specified areas.

25X1C(n) [REDACTED] that the continuing program for the expansion and strengthening of the Hungarian Army is being accompanied by measures

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designed to effect rapid improvements in the overall efficiency of the military establishment. Since November 1950, in addition to the activation of two new divisions, and a personnel strength increase from 50,000 to 65,000, [REDACTED]

25X1C

- 25X1C [REDACTED] (1) induction of conscripts, normally completed in October, are continuing on a small scale; (2) reservists, up to the age of 35, are being called up for six weeks of refresher training; (3) intensive training of men on active duty is in progress throughout the country; (4) joint Hungarian-Soviet training is continuing; and (5) increasing amounts of heavy Soviet equipment, especially armor, are being assigned to Hungarian troops.
- (c) Civil air defense measures are being adopted in Budapest.

POLAND

- (a) Since July the strength of the Polish armed forces (including security troops) has increased from 183,000 to 255,000.
- (b) The Polish Army is continuing to receive Soviet equipment, including modern heavy tanks and artillery pieces.
- (c) Airfield construction has been accelerated despite the winter weather, and additional jet aircraft may be

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arriving. [REDACTED], the Polish 25X1C

First Fighter Regiment is to be equipped with jets.)

- (d) Frontier and Security forces have been increased.
- (e) The rationing of gasoline has been ordered.
- (f) Effective 18 February the movement of private automobiles and trucks will be restricted to specified areas.
- (g) On 2 February Embassy Warsaw reported a tightening in the petroleum situation. This shortage has developed despite stringent restrictions on automotive movement and increased use of natural gas. In recent years, less than half Poland's requirements for petroleum and petroleum products have been met from domestic production. The balance has been imported from the USSR, Rumania, and Albania.
- (h) The appointment of Marshal Rokossowki as Polish Minister of Defense and Commander-in-Chief (and therefore actual head of the government), as well as the recent reshuffle of political personalities, may be an indication that the Six-Year Plan has been altered to take into account increased requirements of the armed forces and that there is at the moment in Poland a tendency towards establishing a military control of industry.

25X1C (1) [REDACTED] another Polish infantry division is being converted to an armored division.

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25X1C (j) [REDACTED] indicate that some Polish Army winter training is underway.

RUMANIA

- (a) Strategically important highways in the eastern portion of the country are being improved.
- (b) Several civil defense measures have recently been adopted, including the erection of towers for aircraft observation and the installation of a few searchlights.
- (c) Gasoline rationing was begun on 1 September 1950. In view of an estimated increase during 1950 of crude oil output in the Satellites (of which Rumania is the largest producer) while consumption has apparently not increased greatly, there is a strong presumption that the tightening of petroleum products in the Satellites is the result of stockpiling. There is, however, [REDACTED] 25X1C of such stockpiling.

25X1C (d) [REDACTED] that recent refugees from Rumania had stated that youths of 18 and 19 were being called up in Floesti. All

25X1C [REDACTED] indicated that no youths under 20 years of age had been called.

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